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1. The artillery barracks is 1,500 m from the southern end of the town, on the Nagykörös-Kacsóskemét road, near the Torma farm. The buildings, on a flat area between road and railroad, are a two-story command building; two two-story quarters buildings which together can take 350 to 400 men; a guardhouse; a magazine; five garages, each 50 m long. The barracks as a whole can take 850 to one thousand men.
2. It is now occupied by an AA station, probably a new unit, which was brought to this place in the spring of 1953 from a regiment which was then east of the Tisza. The men wear red insignia. The unit is 550 to 580 men strong. It is equipped with eight 37 mm automatic AA guns, six 85 mm AA guns and six AA machine guns. The auto park consists of five jeeps, one radio car, three motor-cycles, five passenger cars, 30 or 33 Gaspel and Wieppon trucks.
3. The unit exercises are rapidly taking position and opening fire. It also exercises in the town, defending key points, such as the railroad station and the council house. An observation post has been established in the church tower. There are also exercises at defense against parachutists.
4. The camp barracks is two km north of Nagykörös in the direction of Cegled, in the angle between railroad and road. It has a command building; 8 barracks, each for 60 men, a garage and a magazine which in recent months has been empty. Formerly, it was occupied by an infantry unit, which left for summer exercises. It is now guarded by about 50 artillerymen.

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5. There are two woods, named Nagyerdő and Csokás-erdő six km west of Nagykőrös. There are two military camps in these woods, each with five or six barracks buildings. Since Apr 1953 there have been about 6,000 men in these camps for summer exercises. The men belong to all arms except parachutists and aviation. Beginning in Aug 53, exercises were held in regimental strength.
6. There is heavy military auto traffic on the Nagykőrös-Kupai Kovács Major and Nagykőrös-Kecskemét roads. Discipline in the camp was severe. No Soviet troops were observed.

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